



WOMAN'S WORLD.

LOOK OUT FOR THE WOMEN, FOR THEY HAVE COME TO STAY.

Athletics of Frenchwomen—The Modern Heroines—Their Musical Duty—Her Dream, She Thinks, Came True—A Model Lawyer—Woman's Emancipation.

On the question, "Is business life congenial to womanly instincts, and is it essential for women to have a business education?" Mrs. Croly, better known perhaps as Jennie June, said at the recent meeting of Societies:

"What are womanly instincts? Are they alike in all women? Do all women want to sit at home by the fire? Every woman entitled to limit her life to the nursery and kitchen? The habits of one generation are the instincts of the next, and is not this slaying of home instinct in this generation the result of the habits of the women of the past?"

"Before the patriarchal age there was a matriarchal age, when the women attended to all the retail business of life. We read in Proverbs how the woman, after she had gathered her manna together and set them at their spinning, went forth and considered the fields and purchased them. And because of her good judgment she was accounted a crown of glory to her husband. It was a woman who organized the first squadron of ships and sent them out on a mercantile venture. The reason of this was because the men were all warriors, and the women controlled all the social, domestic and mercantile life. There are today large numbers of women in controlling positions in the business world. One woman there is who is known on paper as J. Brown and controls large home and foreign interests. A gentleman who had occasion to meet J. Brown in a business way after having known the individual for many years on business paper found that J. Brown was a very small woman at the head of a very large establishment where the only men employed were the porters."

"A gentleman who belonged to a commercial class of young men recently warned them to look out for the women, for they had come to stay. They were more reliable, more persevering and more conscientious than men. The young business woman is more assertive, more independent than the business woman of the past. They have less of the feeling of gratefulness toward men, of timidity, and they charge, I am happy to say, twice as much for their services. The day will come when it will be said, 'Oh, I cannot afford to have her; she charges so much more than a man.'"

Then Mrs. Croly, who evidently is not afraid of having her age approximated in conjecture, paid a pretty and deserved tribute to the men in her profession by saying that she had been a business woman for 40 years—almost all her life at first—and that she had never heard from business men a word that they might not have uttered in a drawing room full of ladies, and that the journalists were the most advanced and liberal of men in their recognition of the intelligence and ability of women. Mrs. Croly finished her remarks by saying that "woman will never take her proper position in the world until she gets to be a money maker as well as a money spender."

The Salle d'Armes Feminine, as it is called, which was recently opened in Paris, has been followed by the opening of a Cercle d'Education des Dames, or Ladies' Fencing club. This institution is under the patronage of Mme. la Comtesse de Dornes, the Comtesse de Marat, Mme. la Comtesse de Kersaint and others. The chief professor is a woman whose husband was formerly a master-at-arms in a military school. The device of the club is "Ludus Pro-Femina," as the exercise of fencing is calculated to develop special grace and beauties of the feminine form. In no city is skating so generally practiced as in Paris, for the artificial ice arenas afford more opportunity for the sport than nature is inclined to provide except in Canada. These artificial ice surfaces are five or six inches thick, very smooth and pleasing, and the air inside the pavilions is pleasantly warmed with gas.

Frenchwomen, too, are beloved to bicycle riding and may be seen in their jaunty short skirts every day in the park riding, with or without a groom in attendance, according to their rank. It has been considered pertinent to cite the Frenchwoman as given over to vanity and luxuriance, but the more one becomes acquainted with the dainty type of femininity the more one learns to respect the little knack she has of accomplishing all that other women do so simply and gracefully and with so little flourish of trumpets that no one knows that she is doing anything at all. It is the supreme cleverness of the woman that deceives us into believing her incompetent.—Paris Letter.

The Modern Heroines. An English writer calls attention to the interesting change in the heroine of the day. The simple ingenue Annetta Sedley and her sisters have been voted tame and insipid and are dead and buried. Becky Sharp and her host of unworthy imitators, with their coquetry and their lies and their ultimate discomfiture, have joined the great majority and vex us no more. Nowdays it is the sphinx who is the rage—the creature with unfathomable eyes and large aspirations, passionate impulses and pessimistic tendencies, a more or less happy combination of Schopenhauer and Massel, with a dash of Gyp's Rippony thrown in. She is a complicated person whose most salient point, perhaps, is her absolute selfishness, her cynical disregard for the feelings of other people.

According to the novelist, the great feminine cry of the age is, "Let me live my life," but somehow or other the girl when she has a chance never seems to go forth and give proof positive of this overweening genius which places her at such an immeasurable distance from her commonplace surroundings. A story in



LATE FANCIES FOR FEMINE WEARERS. The lower pictures illustrate a wreath and a double shoulder knot of small flowers. The yoke is designed to wear over a plain or low waist and is of gaufered ribbon and silk mill. The two tea caps are of lace and ribbon and of silk mill. The evening dress is set 1890 style and trimmed with white lace and black velvet ribbon. The illustration also shows the newest style of dressing the hair in high loops and knots.

which this new development of the feminine constitution does something besides declare that she means to would be novel. It is interesting, too, to see how very markedly the hero of late has been forced to stand aside for the heroine, whether it is because of the notoriously complicated moral constitution of the latter, or because of the increasing number of women novelists and the alleged difficulty in the drawing of a hero by a woman, it is difficult to determine.

Woman's Manifest Duty. The Civitas club of Brooklyn, which has sprung into a famous existence, displays with commendable modesty its wide notice. "We are just learners," said one of its members, "eager to understand Brooklyn's municipal affairs. After we know how to go to work and in what way good can be accomplished we hope to do something. Just now we are simply studying the rudiments of city government."

The club is a strong and growing organization. Its first limit of 125 has been increased to 175 for the first year, and there is a large waiting list. It is a sort of offshoot or branch of the health prospective board, which has done valuable work in the city across the bridge. The spirit of the junior organization—modest, but earnest—gives promise that it will prove an admirable ally to the older association.

It is just what is needed in every city and town in the country. Even in the small villages, where the scheme of government is simple, not half a dozen probably of the women residents know the duties or term of serving of the selectmen or councilmen or whatever the designation may be of their particular town. Every woman's club in these small places, as is true in the larger ones, should devote certain meetings through the season to the study of the government of the place. Whether women gain the right of suffrage or not, an intelligent comprehension of methods of government is their manifest duty.—Her Point of View in New York Times.

Her Dream, She Thinks, Came True. The following remarkable recent experience of a French lady is a fact. She had been absent from her home all day, and that night she had a dream. She thought that she had started to descend the cellar stairs when a greentake came gliding up. It reared its head close to her and stood there swaying back and forth, and suddenly the head began to change and assume the form of a human head, and finally the face of one of her neighbors was grinning at her on the neighbor's body. She awoke with a scream. The neighbor was one whom she knew but slightly, but with whom she was not favorably impressed.

The next morning her servant, a most excellent cook and so generally superior as to have become almost a member of the family, told her that she must have been the neighbor of the dream had come to the house during her absence the day before and offered higher wages and less work and better advantages generally. The result was the servant went to the neighbor, and the lady feels that her dream was appropriate. She had no intuition or suspicion that this neighbor had designs upon her cook, and there was nothing apparently to inspire her dream.—Portland (Me.) Transcript.

A Model Lawyer. One of the prettiest and most charming of young New York society women and a member of the Drawing Room club has a knowledge of legal lore that would astonish any one not acquainted with the marvelous versatility of the nineteenth century woman. "I believe you would be a splendid hand to search briefs for me," her husband, a lawyer, had remarked at one time. "Well, then I'll take a course in law," was the reply. And for two years she devoted herself to all manner and kinds of judicial verbosity and with such charming assiduity that the misty old tomes were cajoled into giving out their most cherished secrets without demer.

The other day a legal conundrum was

propounded to her. "If a man dying intestate leaves only two relatives, an uncle and a grandniece, which would inherit his property?" "I shall have to refer to my books," was the answer. "It is always a lawyer's prerogative to do so in questions of that kind." "O wise young judge, O learned judge!" was the admiring exclamation of the perhaps skeptical querist, for the most astute lawyer would not have been betrayed into a more definite statement.—New York Letter.

Woman's Emancipation. The Hon. Ettore Soci, a member of the Italian parliament, through the pages of The Humanitarian, asks if it would not be possible to hold an international women's congress in Rome in 1895 in order to give prominence to the women's movement, which is spreading its ramifications throughout the world. He is an ardent advocate of the movement.

The emancipation and higher education of woman, he declares, would not destroy in her the feeling of wife and mother, and still less would it undermine family life.

"It is much more probable that wives will be unfaithful in places where they are looked upon as slaves, rather than in more civilized society, since, in giving a worthy position and a true personality to the woman, unfaithfulness becomes a crime, and duty is regarded as a religion."

There is so much common sense in this last observation that it must command itself to the judgment of all thoughtful people, says an English paper. Give a person liberty and responsibility, and his whole being is changed. Keep him in subjection, and he will be in a chronostate of irritation and unrest.

Only One Was, Falst Kick. The Women's club of Montclair, N. J., the residence of Lucy Stone and Henry B. Blackwell in 1863, recently met in the parlors of the very house built by them and now the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Marshall. The woman suffrage movement was thoroughly discussed by a brilliant and representative gathering. As the meeting was drawing near its close each person in the room was asked how he or she would vote if the question were at once submitted. All but one said they would vote in its favor. And even the one gentleman who voted in the negative said that he believed in woman suffrage, but thought it was a little too soon to establish it.—Boston Woman's Journal.

A Geographical Discovery. The Rev. W. Troughton, of Morecambe, was recently giving a twilight colloquy. Among the views exhibited was that of the Rev. J. H. B. The reverend gentleman asked if any boy could tell him why the sea in question was distinguished by the word red. After a brief pause the bright boy of the class got up his feet. "Why, sir, I don't," he exclaimed. "Very well," said Mr. Troughton, delighted that he had so intelligent a boy in his audience. "Please, sir, because there were so many red herrings in it!"—Beniford (England) Telegraph.

The Waste of War. The most interesting thing that dies in a field of battle represents a loss of 20 years of love and labor on somebody's part. It seems a pity to put so much work into the product and then fling it away. The waste of war only begins with the waste of the taxes. A great battle is prodigiously carried to its furthest verge.—London News.

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DAINTY PINCUSHION.

with a bow of violet ribbon with long, flowing ends. Pincushions made in this way can be decorated with any spring flowers the fancy dictates, and are exceedingly pretty when suspended from a bureau or dressing stand. They also make very useful, dainty and appropriate Easter presents being particularly appropriate for that season.

And while possessing all these pretty accessories let the dainty maiden remember that order is "heaven's first law."—Ladies' Home Journal.

A PLEA FOR GIRLS.

Why They Should Be Trained to Take Part in Outdoor Sports.

So much depends upon the education of girls that the mother who gives serious thought to the matter will at once recognize the importance of carefully supervising the daily life of her young impressionable daughter. Muscle and nerve will not grow strong if indoor amusements are the rule. Embroidery and sewing are very well in their way, but it is absolutely crucial to compel a growing girl to sit in a chair for an hour or two and industriously apply the needle.

There is no reason why girls should not take part in some of the outdoor sports that give to their brothers such robust constitutions.

Health, unless built on a solid foundation, is a base counterfeit; therefore, mothers should insist upon the formation of habits that tend to strengthen both nerve and muscle.

The reading of sensational literature should be strictly forbidden, as it has a tendency to make girls morbidly sentimental and self-conscious, and finally renders them incapable of appreciating high-class reading matter. It is a bad plan to check or repress a girl continually. Health, vitality and exuberance of spirit go hand in hand. Instead of trying to subdue a nature of this description, encourage walking, running, horseback riding, lawn tennis, hand ball, swimming and general gymnastics, and the result will be a healthful and well-balanced physical development.—Practic Farmer.

THE WORKING DRESS.

Why It Should Be Simply Made and Comfortably Fitted.

It is a good thing for housekeepers that the smart and blouse styles of dresses are in such general use. These loose styles of waists are much more convenient in working than the tight-fitting waist, which in a wash fabric is so apt to shrink and get out of shape.

A light quality of American flannel of dark cloth color is the most suitable material for working dresses, though some housekeepers use a firm, good quality of cambric or gingham in winter as well as summer. In either case, whether the working dress is made of wool or cotton, it should be simply made and comfortably fitted, and made so that it may be easily washed. The best design is a skirt with a plain hem, with possibly a few tucks above it, and for the bodice some variety of the blouse waist, which is made without a lining, so that it may be worn over a close-fitting underwaist. The varieties of this comfortable underwaist are so great that styles may be found becoming to stout as well as slender figures. In a neat dress of this kind, with a white apron at hand to put on in exchange for a gingham one, the working woman may always be presentable in case of an unexpected caller.—N. Y. Tribune.

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